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SUBJECT: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND
IN SECRETARY' S 1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR
RELEASE APRIL 19 FOLLOWS IN FULL (UNNECESSARY WORDS
OMITTED):

QUOTE. SECRETARY ROGERS'1970 POLICY STATEMENT ON AFRICA
RECOGNIZED SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF
THREE MAJORITY- RULED STATES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA-- BOTSWANA,
LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND-- AND AFFIRMED ADMINISTRATION' S
INTENTION TO EXPAND ASSISTANCE TO THEM. SINCE THEN WE HAVE
HELPED ATTACK THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS OF LOW AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTIVITY, SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED MANPOWER, AND
INSUFFICIENT ROADS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
EXPLOITABLE RESOURCES.

IN BOTSWANA, IN 1971, WE JOINED IN AN UNUSUAL EXAMPLE OF
INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS COOPERATION TO MAKE
POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF OTHERWISE ECONOMICALLY MARGINAL
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COPPER- NICKEL DEPOSIT. THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL YIELD SUBSTANTIAL REVENUE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY AND SHOULD BEGIN PRODUCTION IN 1974. A MODEL OF MULTINATIONAL FINANCING, THIS PROJECT INCLUDES AMONG ITS

SHAREHOLDERS SOME 45,000 INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN INVESTORS, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL U. S. SHAREHOLDERS IN ANY AFRICAN FIRM. IN 1972 THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO LEND BOTSWANA \$12.6 MILLION ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD LINKING BOTSWANA TO ITS NORTHERN NEIGHBOR, ZAMBIA.

IN SWAZILAND, DISBURSEMENT OF \$2.2 MILLION AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN COMMITTED IN 1971 HAS BEGUN. IN PAST YEAR, ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED COVERING TOTAL OF \$1.8 MILLION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT COUNTRY' S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN LESOTHO, WE ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING JOINT PROJECT WITH IBRD TO BRING UNDER CONTROL SERIOUS SOIL EROSION AND ASSIST SOME

12,000 FARM FAMILIES TO INCREASE CROP AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HAVE INITIATED MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH EXTENSION PROGRAM. THE UNITED STATES IS CONTINUING ITS SUPPORT OF REGIONAL UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND WITH GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND STAFFING OF UNIVERSITY' S CAMPUSES IN THE THREE COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

2. POSTS WILL BE RECEIVING SEVEN COPIES OF REPORT BY AIR POUCH, MOST OF WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES. USIA WILL PROVIDE THROUGH WIREFILE COMPLETE TEXTS OF INTRODUCTION AND EVERYTHING IN AFRICAN CHAPTER EXCEPT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY COVERAGE GIVEN ABOVE. REQUEST POSTS ASSIST IN PUBLICIZING REPORT BEGINNING APRIL 19 AND REPORT LOCAL OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION.

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